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E.O. 11652 GDS TAGS: PEPR, MPOL, SOPN, GW, CG SUBJECT: OTRAG TEST LAUNCH

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- 1. OTRAG LUBUMBASHI REP STATED THAT SECOND OTRAG LAUNCH OF 1978 WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE ON JUNE2, ALTHOUGH TIMING WHICH IS DEPENDENT ON TECHNICAL FACTORS COULD EASILY SLIP ONE OR TWO DAYS.
- 2. HE ADDED OTRAG IS CURRENTLY WATCHING VERY CLOSELY PRESENT POLITICAL INSTABILITY IN SHABA. OTRAG EXPATRIATE EMPLOYEES AT PLATEUR SITE CURRENTLY NUMBER 50-60, ALL OF WHOM COULD BE EASILY EVACUATED IF SITUATION DEMANDS. LOCAL INVESTMENT TO DATE IS MOSTLY IN CONSTRUCTION OF RUNWAY AND A FEW BUILDINGS. IF INSTABILITY CONTINUES OR UNFRIENDLY MARXISTS GOVERNMENT COMES INTO POWER CONFIDENTIAL

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REP DID NOT THINK OTRAG WOULD CONTINUE ITS ACTIVITIES IN ZAIRE. HE SAID THAT BRAZIL HAD MADE VERY FAVORABLE OFFER TO ATTRACT COMPANY.

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